

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
  
an enclosure;  
  
an internal component housed in the enclosure; and  
  
a shock absorbing member disposed between the internal component and the enclosure and designed to plastically deform in response to an impact.
  
2. (Original): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:  
  
a shock absorbing body designed to plastically deform in response to an impact of a predetermined magnitude;  
  
a first receiving surface defined at an end of the shock absorbing body so as to receive the internal component; and  
  
a second receiving surface defined at an other end of the shock absorbing body so as to receive an impact applied from an outside.
  
3. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 2, wherein said shock absorbing body has a sectional area smaller than that of any of the first and

second receiving surfaces between the first and second receiving surfaces, said sectional area defined along a plane parallel to the first receiving surface.

4. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 3, wherein said shock absorbing body includes:

- a first terminal portion defining said first receiving surface;
- a second terminal portion defining said second receiving surface; and
- a slender stem portion connecting the first and second terminal portions to each other.

5. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 4, wherein said slender stem portion is designed to extend along a datum line intersecting at least said first receiving surface by a predetermined angle.

6. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 3, wherein said shock absorbing body includes:

- a wedge portion tapered toward either of the first and second receiving surfaces; and
- a wedge receiving portion connected to the wedge portion at an interface so as to receive a tip end of the wedge portion at a plane including the interface.

7. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:

- an enclosure;
- an internal component housed in the enclosure; and

a pedestal attached to an exterior of the enclosure; and

a shock absorbing area defined in the enclosure in a vicinity of the pedestal and designed to plastically deform in response to an impact of a predetermined magnitude.

8. (Original): An enclosure for an electronic apparatus, comprising an enclosure body defining:

a rigid area designed to plastically deform in response to an impact of a first magnitude; and

a shock absorbing area designed to plastically deform in response to an impact of a second magnitude smaller than the first magnitude.

9. (Original): The enclosure according to claim 8, wherein said shock absorbing area is designed to receive a pedestal.

10. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:

an enclosure;

an internal component housed in the enclosure;

a first elastic member attached to a corner of the enclosure and having a rigidity of a first level; and

a second elastic member layered over an outer surface of the first elastic member and having a rigidity of a second level smaller than the first level.

11. (Original): A shock absorbing member comprising:

a first elastic member attached to a corner of the enclosure and having a rigidity of a first level; and

a second elastic member layered over an outer surface of the first elastic member and having a rigidity of a second level smaller than the first level.

12. (Original): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an attachment member coupled to an enclosure of the electronic apparatus;  
and

a contact piece rising from the attachment member so as to receive the internal component, wherein

a bending portion is defined in the contact piece at least between the enclosure of the electronic apparatus and the internal component.

13. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 12, including at least a pair of said contact pieces so as to interpose an occupation space for the internal component therebetween.

14. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
an enclosure;  
an internal component housed in the enclosure;  
an attachment member coupled to the enclosure; and  
at least a pair of contact pieces standing on the attachment member so as to interpose the internal component therebetween, wherein

a bending portion is defined in the contact piece at least between the enclosure and the internal component.

15. (Original): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an attachment member coupled to an enclosure of the electronic apparatus;  
and

an elastic piece integral to the attachment member and designed to receive the internal component.

16. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:

an enclosure;

an internal component housed in the enclosure;

an attachment member coupled to the enclosure; and

at least a pair of elastic pieces integral to the attachment member, respectively, and designed to interpose the internal component therebetween.

17. (Original): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an attachment member coupled to an enclosure of the electronic apparatus;  
and

at least a pair of elastic pieces designed to rise from the attachment member so as to interpose the internal component therebetween.

18. (Original): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:

- a connecting member stationarily supported in an inner space defined in an enclosure of the electronic device for receiving the internal component; and
- a suspended member connected to the connecting member and suspended in a direction of gravity in the inner space.

19. (Original): The shock absorbing member according to claim 18, wherein said suspended member is a spherical pendulum.

20. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:

- an enclosure; and
- an internal component suspended in a direction of gravity within an inner space defined in the enclosure.

21. (Currently Amended): A shock absorbing member for an internal component incorporated in an electronic apparatus, comprising:

- an attachment member attached to an enclosure of the electronic apparatus; and
- at least a pair of swelling surfaces raised from a surface of the attachment member, respectively, so as to interpose an occupation space for the internal component therebetween, said internal component being allowed to move in a direction tangential to at least a pair of swelling surfaces.

22. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
an enclosure;  
an internal component housed in the enclosure;  
an attachment member attached to the enclosure; and  
at least a pair of swelling surfaces raised from a surface of the attachment member, respectively, so as to interpose the internal component therebetween, the swelling surfaces cooperating to restrict movement of the internal component within a plane.

23. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
an enclosure;  
an internal component housed in the enclosure;  
a protrusion attached to one of the enclosure and the internal component;  
a receiving member attached to other of the enclosure and the internal component so as to define a void opposed to the protrusion; and  
a tensioned elastic member extending across a space between the protrusion and the void.

24. (Original): A shock absorbing unit comprising:  
a contact member designed to define a protrusion;  
a receiving member designed to define a void opposed to the protrusion;  
and

a tensioned elastic member extending across a space between the protrusion and the void.

25. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
an enclosure having corners on a bottom; and  
a reinforcing beam extending over the bottom so as to connect opposite corners.
26. (Original): An enclosure for an electronic apparatus, comprising a reinforcing beam connecting opposite corners on a bottom.
27. (Original): An electronic apparatus comprising:  
an enclosure;  
a display panel module housed in the enclosure; and  
a shock absorbing member fixed on an exterior of the enclosure behind the display panel module.
28. (Original): An enclosure for a display panel module incorporated in an electronic apparatus, defining an exterior surface designed to receive a shock absorbing member at a backside of the display panel module.
29. (New): The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein contact areas between the shock absorbing member and the internal component and between the



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shock absorbing member and the enclosed are maintained constant when the shock  
absorbing member plastically deforms.